

Diesel vehicles 'gross emitters'

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HIGH levels of pollution are being emitted by diesel vehicles built by a range of car makers other than Volkswagen, it has been reported.

New diesel cars from manufacturers including Renault, Nissan, Hyundai, Citroen, Fiat and Volvo allegedly produce more emissions when tested in realistic driving conditions, according to data obtained from Europe's biggest motoring organisation.

Only a quarter of the 79 cars tested by Adac matched their official performance on the existing EU test, it has been reported in the *Guardian* and *Independent* newspapers.

The results show the Volvo S60, Renault's Espace Energy, the Jeep Renegade and Nissan-made X-Trail all exceeded legal European limits for nitrogen oxide (NOx) by more than 10 times.

Reinhard Kolke, head of test and technical affairs at Adac, told *The Guardian*: "If all cars complied with (the official EU NOx limit), we would have solved all the worst health effects.

"Every consumer has the right to expect all manufacturers to do this. But still there are these gross emitters."

Adac put the diesel models through the EU's existing test (NEDC) then compared the results with a longer UN-sanctioned test (WLTC) which is believed to represent more realistic driving conditions.

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